

STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

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OFFICIAL NOTICES

Council Meeting.—The next meeting of the Council will be held at Los Angeles, September 27, 1930.

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Minutes of House of Delegates and Council.—The attention of the members of the California Medical Association is especially called to the minutes of the House of Delegates and to the Minutes of the Council, to be found on pages 432 and 444, this issue.

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Reports of Standing Committees.—The reports of standing committees of the California Medical Association are published on page 425. These reports of the Committee on Medical Economics, and also of the Subcommittee on Clinics of the Standing Committee on Hospitals, Dispensaries and Clinics, are outstanding contributions to the study of the Cost of Medical Care, and will be printed in the July issue.

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

ALAMEDA COUNTY

The Baby Hospital acted as host to the Alameda County Medical Association at its regular meeting in April, providing not only the place of meeting, but an exceptional program on the subject of "Convulsions in Childhood." Dean Langley Porter of the University of California and H. C. Naffziger, also of the University, spoke on the subject from the standpoint of their respective specialties.

Dr. Joseph Erlanger, professor of physiology of the Washington University, gave a series of five lectures in Wheeler Hall, University of California, beginning April 21, on the subject of "Nerve Impulses."

GERTRUDE MOORE, *Secretary.*

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CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Contra Costa County Medical Society was held at the Carquinez Hotel, Richmond, on May 13. This was a joint meeting with the Contra Costa County Dental Association.

The scientific program consisted in a dental and medical presentation of the subject of focal infection, with special reference to the oral cavity. Dr. Stewart V. Irwin of Oakland spoke on the relationship of teeth as foci of infection in health and disease. The speaker discussed the various factors which predispose to dental infection and the detrimental influence of infected teeth. Experimental studies on this subject were widely quoted. The reliability of radiographs in the diagnosis of dental infection was discussed. The speaker advised extraction of pulpless teeth in serious systemic disease when no other foci

of infection are found, even in the absence of positive x-ray findings.

The dental aspect of this subject was ably presented by Dr. A. C. Rulofson of San Francisco. The speaker concurred in Doctor Irwin's opinion, in regard to indication for extraction of infected teeth, but explained that differences of opinion on this question are usually on forms of treatment. Cooperation between physician and dentist was held to be the solution of the important question as to whether or not suspicious or infected teeth should be extracted or simply treated. Both papers brought out interesting discussion.

Dr. U. S. Abbott made a detailed report on the state convention, which he attended as delegate of the society.

The request of the Parent-Teacher Association for medical examiners at the annual medical examination of the preschool children was read. A buffet lunch followed the meeting. Doctor Bumgarner presided over a large attendance.

L. H. FRASER, *Secretary.*

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FRESNO COUNTY

A meeting of the Fresno County Medical Society was held May 6 at 8 p. m. in Judge Crichton's chambers.

Dr. Gavin J. Tefer, district health officer of Los Angeles, spoke on "Reportable Diseases, From the Standpoint of Physicians and Public Health Officers."

Meeting adjourned.

J. M. FRAWLEY, *Secretary.*

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NAPA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Napa County Medical Society was held Wednesday, May 7, at 7 p. m., at the St. Helena Sanitarium. Dr. H. W. Vollmer, superintendent of the sanitarium, acted as host and provided a well-appointed banquet in the spacious new dining-room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The dinner was enjoyed by sixty persons, including wives of members of the medical society, members of the St. Helena Sanitarium staff, Training School supervisors, and laboratory technicians. During the dinner a splendid program of instrumental music was furnished. Mrs. Jean Rogers of Petaluma, state president of the Woman's Auxiliary, spoke briefly concerning the Del Monte meeting. Mrs. Walter Blodgett of Calistoga, president of the Napa County Woman's Auxiliary, also spoke briefly about the organization. The ladies then adjourned for an informal discussion of the auxiliary work.

The meeting of the society was then opened by Dr. George I. Dawson, president, who called upon Dr. H. Coleman for his report as delegate to the recent state convention. Same was accepted by the society. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. Bills for printing were allowed.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. Frank Topping of Sacramento, was then introduced and he read a paper on "Eclampsia," describing older ideas, theories, and treatments, as compared with present-day methods, in which it was shown that so-called radical treatment had been almost abandoned in favor of conservative methods, such as diet, sedation, elimination, reduction

* For a complete list of general officers, of standing committees, of section officers, and of executive officers of the component county societies, see index reference on the front cover, under Miscellany.

of acidosis, colonic flushing, intravenous therapy, and cesarian section when indicated. His paper was then discussed by several of the members, and Doctor Topping then answered questions asked during the discussion.

The meeting then adjourned.

Ladies present: Mesdames C. H. Bulson, Walter Blodgett, H. R. Coleman, G. I. Dawson, C. A. Gregory, C. A. Johnson, C. E. Nelson, R. S. Northrop, Jean Rogers, and C. E. Sisson.

Members: M. M. Booth, W. L. Blodgett, I. E. Charlesworth, H. R. Coleman, G. I. Dawson, C. A. Gregory, C. A. Johnson, D. H. Murray, C. E. Nelson, R. S. Northrop, Orville Rockwell, John Robertson, C. E. Sisson, H. W. Vollmer, George J. Wood.

Visitors: Dr. C. E. Nixon, Imola; Dr. A. W. McLeish, Veterans' Home; Dr. H. S. Rogers, Petaluma; Dr. R. V. Harr and Dr. Hammerlick, Sonoma State Home; Dr. Ida Nelson and Dr. Ruth Miller, Saint Helena Sanitarium.

C. A. JOHNSON, *Secretary*.



ORANGE COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Orange County Medical Society was held in the basement of the Tustin Presbyterian Church Tuesday, May 6, at 6:45 p. m. The Woman's Auxiliary and Nurses' Association were invited as guests, and a country dinner served by the ladies of the church, preceding the program, was most appetizing. Eighty members and guests were present at this meeting, and the speaker of the evening was Dr. Rea Proctor McGee of Hollywood, who gave a very interesting and complete discussion on "Facial Reconstruction." This was illustrated by lantern slides.

Following the speaker, a short business meeting of the association was held. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. By unanimous vote the secretary was ordered to pay all expenses incurred by the association and Woman's Auxiliary for the meeting of the Southern California Medical Society, and to send Mrs. F. E. Coulter, president of the auxiliary, a letter expressing the sincere thanks and appreciation of the society for the part the auxiliary took in making this meeting a success.

The report of the Committee on the Establishment of a Coöperative Collecting Agency was made, and by unanimous vote of the society it was decided that it would not be advisable at present to proceed with such plans.

Full reports by our delegates to the state meeting at Del Monte were made, Dr. Harry Zaiser and Dr. Dexter Ball each outlining in detail what took place at the various meetings. Dr. R. A. Cushman was reelected to the Council for a three-year period, and Mrs. Dexter Ball was elected as State Auxiliary secretary. Doctor Cushman also gave a very accurate and detailed report on the state meeting, explaining the work of the Committee on Medical Economics of which he is a member. He also reminded us of the advisability of having over one hundred members in this association in order to have three state delegates instead of two, which we now have with a membership of ninety-seven.

There being no more business the meeting adjourned.

HARRY G. HUFFMAN, *Secretary*.



PLACER COUNTY

The Placer County Medical Society held its April meeting in the banquet room of the Bret Harte Inn, in Grass Valley, April 19, the president, Dr. Max Dunievitz presiding.

There were present the following members and visitors:

Members: Drs. Dunievitz, Durand, L. B. Barnes, Paul D. Barnes, William Miller, Peers, Thoren, Myers, Johnson, Rood, Russell, Fay, Carl Jones, Monica Stoy Briner, C. C. Briner, Tickell, and McArthur.

Visitors: Drs. Orrin S. Cook, F. P. Brendel, Gundrum, Hale, Charles Jones, Fanning, Primasing and Kanner of Sacramento; Dr. Miriam Pool Huff, Weimar; Dr. Ward, Auburn; Mr. Thoren, Weimar; Dr. Tom O'Connor, Murphy; Drs. Craig and Stone, Lakeport; Dr. Werner, Nevada City; and Drs. Loutzenheiser, Sooy, Best, Haas, Searls, Naffziger, Taylor, and Bost of San Francisco.

Dr. Miriam Pool Huff, now of Weimar, formerly of San Diego, having made application for transfer from the San Diego County Medical Society to the Placer County Medical Society, was unanimously elected to membership.

The meeting, the first in several years held in Grass Valley, was intended as a homecoming gathering for former residents of Nevada County now practicing outside the confines of the counties comprising the Placer County Medical Society district. An effort was made to notify all former Nevada County physicians so that they might have an opportunity to attend. The program, which was prepared under the direction of Dr. Howard Naffziger, formerly of Nevada City, now professor of surgery at the University of California Medical School, was featured by addresses by former Nevada County boys. Telegrams from Dr. W. W. Wymore and Dr. John Galloway of San Francisco, sending regrets at being unable to attend the reunion, were read by the secretary.

The following most excellent program was then presented:

Anomalies of the Lumbar Vertebrae (illustrated by lantern slides), Dr. Loutzenheiser; Pitfalls of Gastric Surgery, Dr. Sooy; Movements of the Intestines (illustrated by motion pictures), Dr. Best; Reduction of Congenital Dislocation of the Hip (illustrated by motion pictures), Dr. Haas; Comments on Goiter (illustrated by lantern slides), Dr. Searls; Newer Methods of Diagnosis in Intracranial Disease (illustrated by lantern slides), Dr. Naffziger.

Following the program, supper was served at the Bret Harte Inn.

This was one of the best attended and most satisfactory meetings in the history of the Placer County Medical Society.

ROBERT A. PEERS, *Secretary*.



SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The April meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at the County Hospital in San Bernardino on Saturday, April 19, at 8:20 p. m.

In the absence of the president and both vice-presidents, the meeting was called to order by Dr. Gayle G. Moseley at 8:20 o'clock.

Owing to the lateness of the hour, the minutes of the previous meeting were omitted and, there being no business to be attended to, the program of the evening was started.

Simple Methods for the Diagnosis of Endocrine Disorders—Anthropometric and Roentgenographic. (Lantern slide demonstration.) By Dr. William Engelbach of St. Louis. Discussion opened by Dr. Charles A. Wylie of San Bernardino.

There were about fifty members and guests present.



The May meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at Loma Linda on Tuesday, May 6. Dinner was served at 7 p. m. Between fifty and sixty members and guests were present.

Toward the end of the dinner a one-reel motion picture was shown by Mr. Hoff of the Petrolagar Laboratory, "Demonstration of Gall-Bladder Hormone."

Following this, our delegate, Dr. Charles Curtiss reported on his trip to the state medical convention at Del Monte.

The meeting was called to order by the president at 8 o'clock.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The program of the evening was then given, with some changes.

Dr. Henry Hoit first read his paper.

Dr. Thearle of Denver, Colorado, read a paper on "Thoracoplasty" at the request of Dr. S. J. Mattison, who was the original speaker.

Many interesting slides were shown by Dr. Thearle and Dr. Atkinson.

A vote of thanks was extended to the College of Medical Evangelists and to the three speakers.

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The meeting of the Board of Councilors was held at the Café Madrid in San Bernardino on Friday, May 2, at 12:10 p. m.

Members present were: Drs. Savage, Mock, Gage, Moor, Pritchard, and Eyttinge.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The question of the June meeting was discussed and left open for the present.

The applications of Doctors Williams and Bacon were favorably passed upon.

A letter was read from Dr. William Engelbach extending his thanks for the courtesy extended to him at the last meeting.

It was moved by Dr. Philip Savage and seconded by Dr. D. C. Mock that a letter of appreciation be written to Dr. Granville MacGowan relative to his work in connection with corporations practicing medicine without a license.

The applications of Drs. Leslie E. Elliott, James J. Cecil, and Delbert B. Williams were voted upon and accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 o'clock.

E. J. EYTINGE, *Secretary*.

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The stated meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held Thursday evening at eight o'clock, May 1, in the Medico-Dental Club, 242 North Sutter Street, Stockton.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President G. H. Rohrbacher. The minutes of the previous stated meeting were read and approved.

The application of Dr. Thomas L. Sutton having been approved by the California Medical Society and the local society, the doctor was declared a member of the San Joaquin County Medical Society.

The scientific program was opened with an exhibition of moving pictures given by M. J. Cloyes of the Petrolagar Laboratories. He showed films on the "Movements of the Alimentary Tract in Experimental Animals," and "The Influences of Drugs on Gastro-Intestinal Motility."

The principal paper of the evening was given by Dr. Robertson Ward on "Acute Dilatation of the Stomach." Doctor Ward stated that whereas acute dilatation of the stomach is rare as a primary condition, it is quite common as a complication following laparotomy. It is due to an acute paralysis of the gastric walls and usually affects the upper intestinal tract as well. The atonic organ soon fills with fluid either secreted or regurgitated. The diagnosis is comparatively easy, based upon the distended abdomen with a mass in the left side. There is a constant effort to bring up gas with or without copious eructations and threatening hiccough. Even without such symptoms and before the gastric walls become completely

atonic, the presence of recurrent vomiting of fluid is a warning, and treatment at once will ward off more pronounced signs. Symptoms of toxic absorption appear rapidly if the condition is not relieved.

Method of treatment is by continuous gastric lavage with a Levin type duodenal tube passed through the nostril into the stomach and the flow maintained by continuous mild suction arranged as in the illustration to be found in the December issue of CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE on page 396. Usually the tube is lubricated with vaselin or glycerin and passed readily, but in nervous or excitable patients it may be necessary to anesthetize with five per cent cocaine solution. This method has been used successfully in paralytic ileus, intestinal obstruction, acute gastric dilatation, and even in persistent postoperative vomiting. The advantages are as follows: (1) Relief from conditions caused by gas and regurgitated fluids is obtained. (2) There is either interrupted or continuous lavage of the stomach and, in some cases, of the duodenum. (3) Nausea and toxemia are relieved. (4) The patient may drink water freely, relieving that most distressing symptom, thirst. (5) Transgastric feeding and medication are made possible. (6) The patient is so much more comfortable that he often begs for the return of the duodenal tube after having once experienced the relief afforded by its use. If the treatment is prolonged it is necessary to combat alkalosis by massive subcutaneous injections of normal saline solution. The same solution should be used for the gastric lavage. If it is impossible to retain food, nourishment is sustained by intravenous glucose.

Doctor Ward summarized by saying: "Acute gastric dilatation, formerly considered a serious and frequently fatal complication, should no longer be a possible cause of death. Suspicion of its presence should lead to a speedy test by transnasal insertion of a duodenal tube. Treatment by the apparatus for continuous gastric drainage herein described is simple and rapidly efficacious."

The paper was freely discussed by Doctors Dozier, Priestley, Sanderson, Vischi, and English.

The meeting was attended by Mr. M. J. Cloyes, Doctors Robertson Ward of San Francisco, F. B. Reardon and O. S. Cook of Sacramento, E. F. Reamer and Smith of Modesto, and Dozier, Blinn, Broadus, English, Blackmun, McGurk, Hull, Priestley, Vischi, Kaplan, Holliger, Sanderson, Dewey Powell, and Rohrbacher of Stockton.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned and refreshments served.

C. A. BROADDUS, *Secretary*.

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SAN MATEO COUNTY

The March meeting of the San Mateo County Medical Society was attended by about eighteen members of the society, following dinner at Chartier's Café. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Harper Peddicord of Redwood City, president of the society.

The speaker of the evening was Dr. Otis Allen Sharpe of San Francisco, who gave an interesting talk on quacks and near-quacks in the modern art of healing. He pointed out that by misleading and incorrect statements some of the professions allied to the medical profession are infringing on the fields of both the general practitioner and the specialist; that this advertising works to the detriment of both the patient and the physician; and that it is the duty of the physicians to right this condition.

It was decided to investigate this matter and take whatever steps seem advisable at a later date.

It was also voted to approve the standing orders of the Metropolitan visiting nurses for use in their routine visits to clients who are ill.

ERMA B. MACOMBER, *Social Secretary*.

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held on Monday evening, May 12, at the University Club, Dr. Hugh Freidell presiding.

This was a dinner meeting, held in honor of Dr. Leo Buerger of Los Angeles.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The applications of Drs. Leonard Brunie, Yolande Brunie, and Charles Warwick were read and, upon ballot, these applicants were unanimously elected to membership.

An invitation from the California State Dietetic Association to the members of the society to attend their convention May 13 to 16 was read.

Doctor Freidell then spoke of the death of Dr. Alex C. Soper, and upon motion, duly seconded and carried, a committee consisting of Doctors Means, Ullmann, and Eaton was appointed to draw up proper resolutions.

Doctor Evans then spoke of the necessity for the Bissell Library to be further equipped with magazines and books, and it was moved, seconded and carried, that the president appoint a committee to investigate means of financing this problem. A committee consisting of Doctors Evans (chairman), Markthaler, and Bakewell was appointed.

President Freidell then called upon Doctor Thorner to introduce the speaker of the evening, and he paid Doctor Buerger a glowing tribute for his outstanding contributions to medical science.

The membership then adjourned to the lounging room of the University Club, where they were entertained by a most interesting talk, illustrated with lantern slides, on "Some of the Clinical and Pathological Aspects of Renal and Ureteral Lithiasis."

At the conclusion of Doctor Buerger's talk, discussions were entered into by Doctors Pierce, Wills, and Engelbach.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.

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TULARE COUNTY

A grand time was enjoyed by a joint meeting of the Medical and Bar associations of Tulare County at Motley's Café in Visalia on March 23. The invitations to the members of the Bar Association were sent out in the form and legal verbiage of subpoenas, with very few alterations.

The guest of the evening was Dr. C. D. Leake, professor of pharmacology at the University of California, who addressed the members on "Coöperation Between Medicine and Law in Poison Cases." The address was interspersed with a few anecdotes, and was highly appreciated by those present.

Dinner was served at 7 p. m., followed by the address, which continued to 9:45, the time for the return train of the speaker.

The following members of the medical and law associations were present: Dr. J. H. Banks, Dr. D. McFadzean, J. T. Fuller, Dr. W. W. Tourtillot, F. Lamberson, Judge of the Superior Court; Dr. A. W. Preston, Dr. E. R. Zumwalt, Dr. T. Mooney, Dr. E. C. Bond, Dr. Annie L. Bond, Dr. J. T. Melvin, Dr. F. R. DeLappe, Dr. H. A. Campbell, Dr. C. D. Leake, Dr. F. Maddox, Dr. S. S. Ginsburg, Dr. D. Fowler, Dr. A. Miller, J. Field, Ph. D.; W. G. Machetanz, J. P. King, J. A. Shishmanian, H. S. Mills-paugh, Walter Haight, E. L. Lindsay, W. R. Bailey, H. B. McClure, E. C. Farnsworth, C. L. Bradley, M. E. Power, J. T. Crowe, Dr. G. B. Furness, N. F. Bradley, J. R. McBride, Dr. B. H. Gilbert, Dr. F. R. Guido, Dr. K. F. Weiss, D. E. Perkins, Dr. I. M. Lipson, Dr. E. Brigham, Dr. A. N. Loper, L. A. Cleary, S. Halbert, and J. M. Burke.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Alameda County—Marvin E. Kirk, Charles J. Lunsford, Oscar P. Stowe, Theodore W. Weller.

Contra Costa County—Earl B. Fitzpatrick.

Los Angeles County—

Forrest N. Anderson
William Gillspie Attwood
Irby B. Ballenger
Clifford Loomis Bartlett
George D. Brown
Leo Buerger
Donald Austin Charnock
G. E. Christensen
John C. Cottrell
William A. Dashiell
J. Dwight Davis
William V. Gale
Fred Gassmann
Donald W. Cady
Walter Donald Gilkey
Daniel G. Golding
William H. Grishaw
Harold H. Hanlon
Howard R. Harner
John P. Isaac

George E. Judd
George B. Kryder
John P. Lordan
Clyde Ferdinand Loy
A. T. Martin
George Henry Martin
Will L. Miles
Harold A. Mourer
Thomas Elwood Noble
Sverre Oftedal
Walter R. Pendleton
Joseph D. Peluso
William Frederick Reasner
Marie Margaret Schiller
Camilo Servin
Earl Newell Van Ornum
Cecil B. Van Sciver
William F. Wagner
F. M. Wood
Frank W. Young

Placer County—Louis Ernest Jones.

San Diego County—Harold S. Sumerlin.

San Mateo County—Paul G. Capps.

Santa Clara County—Frank B. Hoover, Charles A. Wayland.

Transferred Members

Eugene S. Maxson, from Alameda to Los Angeles County.

Mariam Pool Huff, from San Diego to Placer County.

Charles R. Caskey, from Humboldt to Los Angeles County.

Clayton R. Lane, from Orange to Los Angeles County.

Rollan W. Kraft, from Alameda to Los Angeles County.

Harry J. Wiley, from Tulare to Los Angeles County.

Amos D. Ellsworth, from Fresno County to Texas Medical Association.

Jens Molgaard, from San Francisco to San Mateo.

Deaths

Clark, John Baptist. Died May 3, 1930, age 34 years. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, 1927. Licensed in California, 1927. Doctor Clark was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Dunham, Ora Berton. Died April 21, 1930, age 51 years. Graduate of University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, 1900. Licensed in California, 1904. Doctor Dunham was a member of the Imperial County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and was a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Soboslay, Julius. Died at Madera, April 21, 1930, age 70 years. Graduate of the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, 1886. Licensed in California, 1886. Doctor Soboslay was a retired member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

Soper, Alexander Coburn. Died May 10, 1930, age 58 years. Graduate of Rush Medical College, Illinois, 1901. Licensed in California, 1919. Doctor Soper was an honorary member of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association:

We have just had our second state meeting. What was accomplished at the Del Monte meeting splendidly compliments the first one at Coronado last year.

The gratifying response to the efforts made by the officers of the various county units already organized and the splendid attendance at the state meetings, considering the short time the Auxiliary has been in existence, augur well for the future. But more than this was the deep interest shown by the women who were fortunate enough to attend, in order to lend their influence and experience for the building of a strong and permanent organization. Mrs. H. S. Rogers, president, outlined the foundations already laid, especially recommending concentration upon a wide distribution of "Better Health" literature. During Mrs. Rogers' presidency eight splendid county auxiliaries were organized.

Our most essential primary effort from now on must be the organization of the counties that are at present without auxiliaries. And we shall not be satisfied so long as one county remains unorganized. From the enthusiasm which developed following the Coronado meeting, and which was so actively manifest at Del Monte, we have every reason to anticipate a tremendous increase in our membership. Enough has already been accomplished to show in a concrete way the need for the auxiliary, for the assistance of the women who are interested, because they are wives and relatives of physicians, in the progress of medical science and in the practical help they can give to the physicians of the state in their endeavors to bring the body politic to a real appreciation of the possibilities of such an organization.

If some of the far-sighted women in each unorganized county will take it upon themselves to see that the president of their county medical association will appoint those who are willing to work toward this end, your state officers will be greatly assisted and happy to suggest, if needed, the methods found most successful not only in this state but in others.

Your new officers are thoroughly appreciative of your confidence in electing them to the state offices, and are not unmindful of their responsibilities. Nevertheless, it is with high and enthusiastic hopes that they anticipate a hearty cooperation from everyone in putting California over this year 100 per cent.

MRS. JAMES F. PERCY, *President*.

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Minutes of the Second Annual Session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association

The first meeting of the second annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association was held in the lounge of Hotel Del Monte, Monterey County, California, Tuesday morning, April 29, 1930, with the president, Mrs. Henry S. Rogers, in the chair, and the secretary-treasurer, Mrs. R. A. Cushman, recording the proceedings.

The chairman called the meeting to order and introduced Mrs. Charles R. Lowell of Monterey County, who gave the address of welcome on behalf of Monterey County to auxiliary members and visiting ladies.

The minutes of the session held in Coronado on May 7 and 8, 1929, were read. On motion of Mrs. Scott D. Gleeton of Los Angeles County, seconded by Mrs. George G. Hunter of Los Angeles County,

* As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association are formed, the names of officers should be forwarded to the state secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Dexter R. Ball, 2419 Bonnie Brae, Santa Ana, and to the California Medical Association office, Room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed for publication in this column.

and unanimously carried, the minutes were approved as read.

The chairman announced there would be a report from each organized county and asked the secretary to call the roll by counties.

The secretary requested each county to give the names of officers, of delegates or alternates elected, and number of members.

Mrs. H. V. Brown of Los Angeles County inquired if this could not be done outside of the meeting.

The secretary stated this was not possible, as she found the representation at the meeting did not check up with her credential report.

The chairman announced that the meeting would proceed with the hearing of county reports. Upon request of the secretary, Mrs. George G. Hunter of Los Angeles County recorded the oral report, which record is filed herewith and made a part of these minutes.

The chairman urged that each county send in dues to the state secretary at the earliest possible moment, in compliance with the request of Mrs. George H. Hoxie, president of the national Woman's Auxiliary, and stated that the national dues are 25 cents per member, the state dues the past year 75 cents per member.

Upon the chairman's request the secretary presented a budget made at the request of the chairman and for the purpose of assisting in ascertaining the amount of dues necessary to maintain the state organization during the ensuing year. The secretary declared such budget to be purely tentative, as it could not be based upon the treasury report of the past year, the president, Mrs. Rogers, having handed in no expense account, and no stationery having been printed. The budget as submitted is appended to these minutes, marked "Appendix A."

The chairman called for the treasurer's report, which was given as appended to these minutes, marked "Appendix B."

The matter of state dues was then presented. Upon motion of Mrs. James F. Percy of Los Angeles County, seconded by Mrs. Dexter R. Ball of Orange County, and unanimously carried, state dues for the ensuing year were tentatively fixed at fifty cents, such sum to cover national dues also of twenty-five cents per member.

The chairman submitted an oral report covering the work accomplished during the past year, explaining the aims of the organization, and touching upon the work necessary during the coming year. She stated election of officers for the coming year would be held Wednesday night.

Moved by Mrs. William Duffield of Los Angeles County, seconded by Mrs. H. B. Tebbetts of Los Angeles County that the meeting adjourn.

The secretary called to the attention of the members the fact that only one business meeting had been announced for the session, that of Tuesday morning, that the Wednesday morning meeting as announced was to consist of a program of addresses. She suggested that delegates might be leaving who had come prepared to vote for officers at this meeting.

The chairman requested delegates who were leaving after the meeting to signify by uplifted hands. A number of hands being raised, the chairman asked Mrs. Duffield if she would withdraw her motion. Some debate took place as to the proper time for the election of officers, but no action taken, a motion being before the house and the speakers not being recognized by the chair. The motion to adjourn was withdrawn by Mrs. Duffield.

Moved by Mrs. Thomas Stoddard, charter member of San Francisco County, seconded by Mrs. Charles S. Stevens of Santa Barbara County, that the meeting proceed and officers be elected for the ensuing year.

Mrs. James F. Percy offered an amendment to add the words "that the meeting proceed on Wednesday afternoon directly after luncheon." The amendment was not entertained by the chair. The question of election of officers was further discussed, the question put, and the motion unanimously carried.

Moved by Mrs. H. V. Brown of Los Angeles County, seconded by Mrs. Dexter R. Ball of Orange County, and unanimously carried, that a nominating committee be formed.

The chairman appointed Mrs. Charles S. Stevens of Santa Barbara County and Mrs. George G. Reinle of Alameda County to serve on the nominating committee and called for nominations of two more members from the floor. Mrs. George G. Hunter of Los Angeles County and Mrs. Arthur A. Arehart of Monterey County were regularly nominated, and unanimously elected.

The question of the time when new officers should be installed was informally discussed, but no action taken.

The nominating committee having retired, upon return was called upon to report. Mrs. Stevens, chairman of the Nominating Committee, in submitting her report explained the action of the committee as being influenced by the practice in operation with the California Medical Association in choosing their state officers alternately from different sections of the state. The chairman reported as follows:

President—Mrs. James F. Percy of Los Angeles County.

First vice-president—Mrs. J. M. McCullough of Contra Costa County.

Second vice-president—Mrs. Thomas A. Stoddard, charter member, of San Francisco County.

Secretary-treasurer—Mrs. Dexter R. Ball of Orange County.

The chairman inquired if there were any nominations from the floor. There being none, upon motion of Mrs. John H. Shephard, charter member and ex-officio member, of Santa Clara County, seconded by Mrs. H. V. Brown of Los Angeles County, and unanimously carried, the report of the Nominating Committee was accepted. Upon motion of Mrs. Brown, seconded by Mrs. Irving Bancroft of Los Angeles County, and unanimously carried, the vote was cast in favor of the nominees and they were declared elected.

Upon suggestion of Mrs. Stevens, chairman of the Nominating Committee, and by unanimous consent, a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. Rogers, state president, for the successful manner in which she had launched the organization and for having so generously contributed her services in the pioneer work necessary to achieve success. By informal consent the secretary was also commended.

The secretary was instructed to write Doctor Pope, secretary of the Medical Association, and Doctor Kress, Auxiliary adviser, letters of appreciation for their valuable assistance during the past year; also to send flowers to Mrs. Lyell C. Kinney, wife of the president of the California Medical Association, and to congratulate her in the name of the auxiliary on the birth of a son.

The meeting adjourned to Wednesday, April 30, 1930, at 10 a. m.

CLARA R. CUSHMAN, *Secretary*.

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The second meeting of the second annual session of the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association was held on the mezzanine floor of Hotel Del Monte, Wednesday morning, April 30, 1930, with the retiring president, Mrs. Henry S. Rogers, calling the meeting to order at 10 o'clock.

The chairman introduced Dr. Morton R. Gibbons, president of the California Medical Association, who made a short and interesting address on the aims and purposes the California Medical Association had in view in launching a woman's auxiliary. He particularly emphasized the need existing for a body of women educated in health matters to promote the public health through organized effort, and he suggested and advised the auxiliary to make a study of the matter of health insurance, a subject which is now of great moment and concern to the California Medical Association.

Dr. Lyell C. Kinney, president-elect of the California Medical Association, was then introduced. Doctor Kinney enlarged upon two lines of useful work to which the auxiliary might devote itself with benefit for the coming year. First, perfecting the organization by enlarging and consolidating the units, i. e., increasing membership and coöperating in aims and purposes; second, educating the public in health matters.

The third speaker, Dr. William Duffield, father, as he stated, of the Woman's Auxiliary movement in California, went into detail, after being introduced, as to what, in his opinion, are the chief objects of the American Medical Association and California Medical Association in encouraging the wives and near relatives of their members to organize, and as to what the duties of such organizations should be. In broad terms his most important message was the urgent need of an organization designed to combat ignorance and superstition in matters of biology, physiology, and medical treatment. He stated that scientific education in medical matters is the biggest business of the auxiliary. He cited many illustrations to prove that such ignorance and superstition along medical lines exists among so-called highly educated people, even educators in our highest seats of learning being ignorant of the functions and constitution of the human body; and he advised auxiliary units to turn their efforts toward changing this condition for the better. With such end in view he gave concrete suggestions for the county units to follow, such as:

1. Put the magazines *Better Health* and *Hygeia* into local circulation.

2. Read regularly all material in *CALIFORNIA AND WESTERN MEDICINE* and the *American Medical Journal*, pertaining to auxiliary work and of interest along the line of public health education; also see that your husband reads them.

3. Make a study of the different cults, becoming informed as to their methods of propaganda, not taking concerted action against such cults which would, the speaker stated, be inadvisable, but learning what they are doing in order better to direct the auxiliary's work.

4. Making a study of material sent out by the American Medical Association, a bibliography of which was furnished by the speaker to those present, and which may be secured by application to the American Medical Association.

5. A study of the antivivisection movement, about which there is so much mental confusion and so much false propaganda.

Doctor Duffield gave an interesting account of the methods of a certain cult in forcing through their programs through economic pressure, with many concrete cases cited. He dwelt upon the harm religious cults bring about through appeal to superstition, to the injury of health, and gave a number of case histories of so-called cures by religious healers, which he had personally investigated and found to be no cures at all.

He suggested that the beginning of this work in public health education might well be in the public schools, where health matters are usually taught improperly, falsely, or not at all, and advised the auxiliary, through the Parent-Teacher Associations and through advocating certain legislative measures as they are introduced, to promote the teaching of biology, physiology, and hygiene in the public schools.

Also, Doctor Duffield advised the county units to go into politics to see that they supported as a whole the proper candidates, those having an understanding of and an intelligent outlook on scientific health matters.

He advised the auxiliary the members would be performing a fine bit of work if they should compile a history of medicine, one which is not technical but for the benefit of the average reader.

Finally he outlined a course of medical study along the line of the old Chatauqua courses, and he fur-

nished the following list of books, which he recommended for study by the auxiliaries and for private reading.

Vallery-Radot—"Pasteur."
 Logan Clendening—"The Human Body."
 Carl Menninger—"The Human Mind."
 Bobbs-Merrill Pub. House—"Medical Leaders."
 Morris Fishbein—"Medical Follies."
 Walsh Walsh—"Cures."
 McLaren—"Postmortem."
 Howard W. Haggard—"Devils, Drugs, and Doctors."

Cushing—"Life of Osler."

At the conclusion of Doctor Duffield's talk, the questions and discussion became so general that the adjournment was taken informally, and no opportunity was given to express appreciation to the speakers, although this was manifested by the enthusiasm and close attention the audience paid to each talk.

CLARA R. CUSHMAN, *Secretary.*

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APPENDIX "A"

Minutes Second Annual Session, First Meeting TENTATIVE BUDGET

Based Upon a Presumed Membership of One Thousand.	
Letterheads and envelopes.....	\$20.00
Second sheets.....	3.00
Office supplies (carbon, clips, folders, etc.).....	3.50
Stamps, five hundred.....	10.00
Telegrams and telephone calls.....	15.00
Parcel post circulars and material, forty counties eight months at 5 cents.....	16.00
Stenographic services ten months at \$10.....	100.00
Entertainment and expense state meetings.....	50.00

Total tentative amount.....\$217.50
 Office file—organizing expense may be necessary, but not listed.

APPENDIX "B"

Minutes Second Annual Session, First Meeting TREASURER'S REPORT

From May 9, 1929, to April 28, 1930

Treasurer is charged as follows:	
Forty-six charter membership dues, \$1 each.....	\$46.00
National dues as follows:	
San Bernardino County, eleven members at 25 cents each.....	\$ 2.75
Kern County, twelve members at 25 cents each.....	3.00
Napa County, twelve members at 25 cents each.....	3.00
Sonoma County, twenty-one members at 25 cents each.....	5.25
Contra Costa County, sixteen members at 25 cents each.....	4.00
Total national dues.....	18.00
Total charges.....	\$64.00
Treasurer is credited as follows:	
Stamps and stationery.....	\$ 9.35
Minute book.....	1.60
Office supplies.....	.75
Total credits.....	11.70
Which, when deducted from total charges, leaves a balance of.....	\$52.30
Consisting of:	
Cash in First National Bank of Santa Ana.....	\$34.30
Checks for national dues (uncashed).....	18.00
Total cash on hand.....	\$52.30

CLARA R. CUSHMAN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary was held Thursday, April 17, at 2:30 p. m. in the Assembly Hall of the Friday Morning Club building, Los Angeles, with Mrs. James F. Percy, president, presiding. There was a large attendance.

Mrs. George G. Hunter was appointed acting secretary for the secretary, Mrs. Martin G. Carter, who was absent on account of illness. After the reading of the minutes, Mrs. Percy presented the speaker of the afternoon, Dr. George H. Kress.

Doctor Kress' theme was the object of the organization as conceived by the California State Medical Association—the basic purpose of the organization.

And he presented his subject clearly and concisely in a manner that was not only entertaining, but most instructive.

He urged the members of the auxiliary to focus their attention upon the fundamental principles on which scientific medicine is founded. Only in this way would the auxiliary be able to exert its full power for the benefit of the medical profession and the community.

Women's clubs, Doctor Kress pointed out, are happily in a position to demonstrate to the intelligent laymen the difference between faddism and scientific medicine. As an example of what scientific medicine has already accomplished for community welfare, Doctor Kress cited the "pure milk" situation.

Keep out of politics, was the doctor's admonition. Unless one has a special flare for politics, is likely to prove disastrous rather than helpful.

Doctor Kress paid a high tribute to the work of Dr. Mona Bettin, whose work in applied bacteriology for the welfare of this community is beyond praise.

At the close of Doctor Kress' address, Mrs. Elliot Alden proposed a rising vote of thanks by the Woman's Auxiliary members, which was given with enthusiasm and appreciation.

A delightful musical program was given by Mrs. William A. Clark, violinist, with Mrs. E. D. Kremers, accompanist, two gifted members from Pasadena, who have won fame on the concert stage.

A delicious tea was served, with the Long Beach members as hostesses, Mrs. B. von Wedelstaedt, chairman.

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The brilliant ball and frolic given on Saturday evening, May 10, by the Los Angeles County Medical Association, assisted by the Woman's Auxiliary, at the Grand Central Airport on San Fernando Road, was enjoyed by over three hundred participants. The ball and supper rooms were elaborately decorated in exquisite taste. And the sumptuous supper was something to be remembered by the most discriminating epicure. An exceptionally fine dance orchestra played throughout the evening. And a big thrill was contributed by the huge tri-motored plane which was provided to take the guests for fifteen-minute rides into the perfect moonlit night. Not the least interesting incident of this unusual evening was the trip into the hangars with a well-informed guide who explained the intricate and intriguing details of the imposing array of planes.

The outstanding success of this occasion is a tribute to the enthusiastic work of Mrs. James Fulton Percy, president of the Los Angeles County Auxiliary and recently elected president of the state auxiliary; Mrs. Philip Schuyler Doane, general chairman; Mrs. George G. Hunter, and Mrs. Martin G. Carter.

Present with parties of guests were noticed: Doctors and Mesdames Robert V. Day, Philip Schuyler Doane, James Fulton Percy, George G. Hunter, Martin G. Carter, William Duffield, John V. Barrow, Elliot Alden, H. V. Brown, E. M. Lazard, LeRoy Sherry, Walter P. Bliss, B. von Wedelstaedt, Edward Huntington Williams, Theodore Lyster, Isaac H. Jones, H. G. Marxmiller, Fitch Mattison, and Edward Pallette.

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The next meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will be on Thursday, June 19, at 2:30 p. m. in the Assembly Hall of the Friday Morning Club building, Los Angeles. This will be the last regular meeting until autumn, although in the interim the Executive Committee are planning to call round-table gatherings to discuss any issues that may arise.

Mrs. Percy announces that the Western Surgical Supply Company are sending, complimentary to all members of the auxiliary, the monthly magazine, *Medical Economics*. This is a business magazine and contains innumerable suggestions and ideas which the members of the auxiliary will find practical and useful.

CORA YOUNG WILLIAMS,
Publicity Chairman.

NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

W. A. SHAW.....	President
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R. P. ROANTREE, D. A. TURNER, S. K. MORRISON.....	Trustees

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

WASHOE COUNTY

The Washoe County Medical Society met in the Washoe County Library building, Reno, on May 13, at 8 p. m.

In the absence of Doctor Hamer, president, the vice-president, Doctor Creveling, occupied the chair.

No clinical cases to report. The president introduced Doctor Samuels of Reno, who responded with a paper on the "Treatment of Neisserian Infections in the Male." While Doctor Samuels gave enough citations from standard authorities, he went more fully into the matter of his own personal experience in handling and treating this type of case.

Especially so in the social management of patients. Doctor Samuels gave a number of practical hints which dwelt with this troublesome side of the case.

The usual routine for medical treatment can be found in standard text works, modified by actual experience of the practitioner. In a disease for whose cure most of the traveling pharmaceutical salesmen have the last word for absolute cures and 100 per cent records, the man of experience listens to these confidential tips as he would listen were he playing the races, and takes them just for what they are worth. Given time enough and an obedient patient, this class of patients will respond to a well-directed rational therapy.

Next followed a paper by one of Reno's attorneys on the subject of "Insanity and the Law." This paper formerly appeared in the April 1930 number of *American Mercury*. The paper was scholarly. Many of the physicians of Reno who had already read the paper were there to hear it from the author himself. The paper called out a number of commendations, and it was the opinion of all present that this paper should be in the library of every physician.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

THOMAS W. BATH, *Secretary*.

UTAH STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

H. P. KIRTLEY, Salt Lake City.....	President
WILLIAM L. RICH, Salt Lake City.....	President-Elect
M. M. CRITCHLOW, Salt Lake City.....	Secretary
J. U. GIESY, 701 Medical Arts Building, Salt Lake City.....	Associate Editor for Utah

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

SALT LAKE COUNTY

A joint meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society and the Utah Ophthalmological Society was held at the Newhouse Hotel on Monday, April 14.

The meeting was called to order at 8:05 p. m. by President M. M. Nielson. Forty-seven members and three visitors were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted without correction.

The scientific program was as follows: "Strabismus" by D. W. Henderson. This paper was discussed by E. M. Neher, W. D. Donohue, F. Stauffer, L. W. Snow, and H. Van Cott. "The Accessory Nasal Sinuses" (lantern slides) by F. M. McHugh. This paper was discussed by F. Stauffer.

A letter from the American Medical Association was read urging that this society use its efforts to amend the Porter Federal Narcotic Service Reorganization Bill, as suggested in the April 12 issue of *The Journal of the American Medical Association*.

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The following report of the Necrology Committee, J. U. Giesy, chairman, was read:

IN MEMORIAM—GEORGE F. ROBERTS

Whereas, An inscrutable Providence in the pursuance of its, to us unknown, purposes, has seen fit to remove from his mundane field of activities our admired and respected confrère, Dr. George F. Roberts; and

Whereas, We, who have known and labored with him in a common pursuit for years, feel deeply the loss to us and to his friends and loved ones as well as to the community at large; therefore be it

Resolved, By the members of the Salt Lake County Medical Society that we take this formal action to express our regret; that this resolution be inscribed on the minutes of the society as a permanent record and tribute to our departed member, and that a copy be forwarded to the family of the deceased as a mark of that personal tribute which we pay him in our hearts, and of the appreciation of his worth which we carry forward with us in our thoughts.

W. F. Beer moved that the report be accepted and filed. Seconded and carried.

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The application of L. H. O. Stobbe was read and turned over to the board of censors.

A. C. Callister read a communication from the chief of police relative to the present Caduceus tax. This was heatedly discussed by M. M. Nielson and W. F. Beer. President M. M. Nielson appointed a special committee to consider this communication.

J. P. Kerby gave a lengthy report of the Fee Schedule Committee. This was ably discussed by most of the members present, and following several motions which were later rescinded, J. Z. Brown's motion to the effect that action on this report be deferred until the meeting of June 9 was seconded and carried. J. P. Kerby moved that the following amendment to the by-laws of the Salt Lake County Society be voted upon at the business meeting in June. The fee bill adopted at this meeting is intended to represent the average fee under ordinary circumstances (both columns referred to minimum fees), the difference between them indicating common differences, depending upon the responsibility and judgment involved in treating different cases, and the ability of patients to pay. This fee schedule does not attempt to indicate proper compensation in those cases requiring special skill, extraordinary responsibility, or unusual character of service. This society recognizes the right of every member to charge what he believes to be a fair and adequate fee for services rendered, or to give the whole or any part of his services in charity. But it will be considered his duty to abide by the fee schedule herein mentioned whenever the circumstances of the patient do not clearly forbid. Any violation of the provisions of said fee schedule solely for the purpose of securing a patient shall be considered *ipso facto* cause for loss of membership. The usual procedure of this society in the matter of filing a complaint against a member shall be followed; and a written

notice of this proposed amendment be furnished each member not less than ten days before the regular business meeting in June. Motion seconded and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 o'clock.

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The regular meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held at the Holy Cross Hospital on Monday, April 28.

The meeting was called to order by President M. M. Nielson at 8:15 p. m. Forty members and two visitors were present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted after a slight correction.

The application of M. F. Poulson was read and turned over to the board of censors.

L. H. O. Stobbe was unanimously elected a member of the society.

The clinical program was as follows: A Burn Case, S. H. Besley. The Use of Mercurials in Cardiac De-compensation, Claude Shields and R. Friel. Surgical Shock, Douglas Hansen. Orthoplasty of the Knee, S. C. Baldwin and D. Hansen; this subject was discussed by L. N. Ossman and L. C. Snow. Sacroiliac Fusion, L. N. Ossman; discussed by C. M. Benedict and G. H. Pace.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 o'clock.

BARNET E. BONAR, *Secretary*.

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UTAH COUNTY

The Utah County Medical Society held a meeting on April 9, at Provo. The topic, discussed generally by the members of the society, was "Medical Economics and the High Cost of Medicine."

Several current articles from recent medical journals and lay magazines were reviewed by the County Medical Society.

The second meeting of the society was held April 23. Dr. L. A. Smith, pediatrician of Ogden, gave an interesting talk on infant feedings.

J. L. AIRD, *Secretary*.

UTAH NEWS

One of the outstanding events of the past month was the testimonial banquet tendered by the state association to Dr. Emerson F. Root in recognition of the completion of his fiftieth year in the practice of medicine.

On the night of April 17 a representative gathering of the members of the state association was held at the Alta Club, Salt Lake City, to do honor to this veteran and well-beloved member of their profession.

The occasion was brilliant. In the main dining room of the Club long tables, stretched from head to foot and adorned with flowers, seated some one hundred and fifty of the members from all parts of the state.

Dr. William Donohoe officiated in his own inimitable style as toastmaster for the evening. Responses were made by Doctors H. P. Kirtley, J. W. Aird, Samuel Baldwin, Ezra Rich, and F. S. Bascom. A beautiful memento of the occasion was presented to Doctor Root by the last-named speaker, after which Doctor Root himself responded to both the bouquets and brickbats which had been hurled so generously.

The committee in charge consisted of Doctors H. P. Kirtley, J. C. Landenberger, W. D. Donohoe, R. R. Hampton, L. N. Ossman, M. M. Critchlow, and Sol G. Kahn. The affair proved a splendid occasion of good fellowship.

Meetings of the Academy of Medicine were held during April as follows:

April 10—Round Table Discussion of Physical Therapy, Dr. J. U. Giesy. Physical Examination of the Chest (slides), Dr. Van Scoyoc. Recent Literature on Endocrines, Dr. Tyndale.

April 17—Meeting canceled on account of the banquet to Dr. E. F. Root.

An Indianapolis general physician who is reputed to be very busy as well as prosperous says that he quite agrees with us in the statement that the majority of the physicians are cutting their own throats by recommending or even approving the frills with which the ordinary sick person surrounds himself. He says that he tells women patients in moderate circumstances that they can have their babies at home, and even with a practical nurse which he finds sufficient, and that the expense is far less than at a hospital. A confinement case at home permits the attending physician to obtain a decent fee that he otherwise might lose. He also says that he doesn't keep surgical cases in the hospital merely as a convenience to himself, but sends them home as soon as it is safe for them to be moved, which practice permits the patient to pay the physician for his visit at the home instead of paying twice as much for the hospital care and have nothing left for the physician. In short, it is his idea that nowadays the average sick person expects and receives not only a good deal of superfluous attention, but more expensive attention than is required in order to secure equally good results. In consequence the sick person pays out more money than he should, and the attending physician oftentimes gets little or nothing, whereas if the extra and unnecessary attention is cut out the physician could be paid. He claims that his income has doubled since he adopted the plan of rendering more service at the home of the patient, and that his patients have been saved money without the slightest loss of efficiency and service.—Editorial, *The Journal of the Indiana State Medical Association*, February 15, 1930.

Battling With Locusts.—An editorial in the New York Times of April 17 calls attention to the battle of El Arish on the shore of Sinai peninsula, where the British defeated the Turks in 1917, and continues:

"It is another enemy that has threatened Egypt during the past week, and the defenders have gone out to meet the invading hordes in the same desert area in which the Turks were met and driven back. The dispatch says that 'the heaviest fighting occurred around El Arish.' But in this battle it was man fighting his ancient and inveterate enemy, the locust. The Inspector-General of the Egyptian Army was in command, and was accompanied by soldiers and men of the camel corps, but his chief of staff was an entomologist and their weapons were 'flame guns.' The trenches in this campaign were not for their own protection but for trapping the locust enemies, who were destroyed by millions as they advanced in serried bands and fell into the ditches.

"The scene as described in Monday's Times was with none of the horrors of war but with all its dramatic incidents: the blazing miles-long trenches, the flanking gunners shooting flames, the phalanxes of men in gasoline-tin armor, the square miles of charred locusts left on the battlefield. And all in the midst of terrific sandstorms and in the oppressive heat of the desert. It is a warfare which suggests some of the battles that civilization will have to continue to wage even after wars cease between man and man. Egypt has again been saved by a victory over the invaders at El Arish, or so it is hoped; but this time by an army under the leadership of an official protector of plants."—*New York State Journal of Medicine*, May 1, 1930.